

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SUSAN
LACOMBE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of California's 27th Congressional District, Mrs. Susan LaCombe. Mrs. LaCombe has served on the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education for nearly seventeen years and has been a positive force in my Congressional District for much longer.

Mrs. LaCombe began her journey with the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education in May of 1985, fresh from volunteer stints as PTA President at Arroyo Vista Elementary School and PTA Council President. When she was elected to the board, her five children were all attending South Pasadena public schools, one of whom now teaches at Eagle Rock Elementary School in Eagle Rock, California.

The consummate board member, Mrs. LaCombe has worked with fourteen board members and four superintendents during her tenure, serving as board President three times. Under her leadership, some of the board's finest accomplishments include the transition of the junior high to a middle school program eleven years ago, the formation and bonding of today's administrative team under Superintendent Adelson, and the passage of the bond measure, Measure L, in 1995.

Mrs. LaCombe is most proud of her efforts to build an excellent administrative and teaching team, establishing exceptional training programs for the teachers, and maintaining the commitment to excellence in academic programs, "so that families continue to seek out South Pasadena as a wonderful place to live and send their children to the public schools."

The South Pasadena community she served for so long will truly miss her. At this time, I ask all Members to join me in extending congratulations to Mrs. LaCombe for her dedicated service to the South Pasadena community. I am sure that each person positively affected by Mrs. LaCombe's service will also join me in wishing her much joy in the years to come and thank her for her time, her energy, and her efforts.

TRIBUTE TO SPARKMAN HIGH
SCHOOL OF HARVEST, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sparkman High School from Harvest, Alabama for winning the statewide "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. On May 4-6, 2002, they will join more than 1,200 students from across the United States in Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals. The "We the People . . ." program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

These young scholars from Sparkman High School have worked diligently to reach the na-

tional finals and, through their experience, have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitution. I want to congratulate these students on this outstanding achievement.

The "We the People . . ." program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings will consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of constitutional scholars. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges to explore their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our government in the aftermath of the tragedy on September 11th. These are ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for our next generation to understand these values and principles that we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy.

The class from Sparkman High School is currently conducting research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national competition in Washington, D.C. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People . . . national finals. They represent the future leaders of our nation.

END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WEEK

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to commend Lifetime Television for all their efforts in putting together End Domestic Violence Week, and I thank you for inviting my colleagues in the Women Caucus to participate and lend our voices and support to this important cause. As we celebrate Women's History Month and commemorate International Women's Day tomorrow, March 8, we must applaud the progress women have made globally as we address the problems that continue to impede this progress.

The issue of domestic violence is a great concern. In the 32nd Congressional District of California, I have worked diligently with the Jenesse Center, the oldest sustaining domestic violence intervention program in South Central Los Angeles. I recently commended the Center, on the occasion of their 21 years of dedicated service to women and children.

While in the State Senate, one of my first pieces of legislation addressed domestic violence. I authored the first domestic violence training legislation, which required law enforcement officers to maintain a written report when responding to domestic violence calls. My concern was to make law enforcement sensitive to the cultural, social, economic and personal issues that complicate domestic violence cases. Today, California has implemented laws that remove the abuser from the

home and to provide assistance to the victim. But Mr. Speaker, domestic violence is more than a criminal offense, it is an attack on our families and our communities.

Without question the violence in our homes has contributed to the violence on our streets. It is contributing to health care costs that are escalating, and it is tearing apart our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage you to work with the House and the Senate to continue funding programs that ensure the protection of women and children, provide adequate health care for domestic violence victims and to ensure that local law enforcement has the monetary resources to tackle this problem.

Let us rededicate ourselves to continuing the fight against domestic violence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BECKY
MOWRER ON BEING NAMED OUT-
STANDING COMMUNITY CITIZEN
BY THE SHAVERS CREEK
GRANGE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Becky Mowrer of Petersburg, Pennsylvania, on being named Outstanding Community Citizen by the Shavers Creek Grange. Becky was crowned as Huntingdon County's Dairy Princess last June. She was then named Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess in September. Becky has the honor of being the first Huntingdon County princess to also be named Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess.

Becky was chosen for the Outstanding Community Citizen award based on her leadership, her integrity, and her community involvement. The Shavers Creek Grange has been giving the Outstanding Community Citizen award annually for many years. The award is often given out to older recipients, but the grange members felt Becky was so deserving that they gave her the award, making her one of the youngest recipients. I commend Becky for being an active citizen in her community, and I wish her continued success in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY
SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty suspension bills for materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for